

Leicester, Jan. 4, 1855.

Dear Miss Weston;

I came hither yesterday P.M. with Ade, and I find all pretty well, and am enjoying the great stillness of this place, which seems all the greater by contrast with the stir and excitement of the last few weeks ^{in Boston;} and permit me to add, in the striking language of the most approved correspondence, that I hope these lines will find you enjoying the same blessing.

You desired to know the exact amount of the Bazaar receipts. As near as I can now give them to you, they were as follows, - specifying some of the items for your edification, & remarking that there will be a small loss by bad and uncurrent bank-bills, not I think exceeding Five dollars however:

Actual Cash rec^d at Bazaar, } \$
 in eleven days } 4627.92
 Donations from various places, by A. W. W. 99.50
 Do from Bury, Eng^s. 19.67 - Leeds, 21.21 40.88
 Do from Thomas Brown, Boston, 2.00
 Payments not before counted, & Sales, Jan. 2^d, 38.00
\$ 4808.30

Still due

Mr. Hennefy's due bill - 3.50

Mrs. Stowe's do do 15.49

Mrs. Mary May 1.50

3 boxes Soap, said to be unpaid,
 (Mrs. Follen, 2, & Mary Wintley, 1) } 7.50

R. F. Wallcut - has in hand (from
 some source I do not now recollect) } 13.00

W. J. Whitaker, if he takes Drawings - 25.00
 (this last, R. F. W. thinks doubtful)

65.99

\$ 4874.29

which is so near \$5000, that one
 can't well help wishing it were a little
 nearer.

~~None there it is.~~ But it is a noble
 sum, - comparatively;

This, I believe, is the nearly exact
 state of the case; and I hope I shall
 be able satisfactorily to account for
 where every dollar of this large sum
 goes to. I have been more minute
 & particular in my accounts & entries
 than ever before.

When you are acknowledging the small donations, you can, if you please, make mention of a small box, containing some trifling articles, from a young woman in Paxton, which was sent to my house here, and received too late to be forwarded to Boston.

I settled Mitchell's bill; he was talking of going back to Maine; I was going to Leicester. This was perhaps not in strict obedience to Deborah's injunctions, - which I trust she will forgive, as she left town without giving me the desired instructions. He brought his bill for 14 days, at \$1.50 per day, \$21., and some \$6. more for articles he had purchased for the Fair, & \$1. for the hire of his bedding, about \$28. well. I told him I was not authorized to pay over \$1. per day for the services he had rendered, & could not without referring to the Bazaar Committee; - then I thought it was a pity to keep the account open for at least a week longer, as it would probably have to be, and I offered to pay him the \$1. per diem for himself, & make a gratuity of \$5. ^{\$19. for their joint services, and} to his son, ^{or} bringing the entire bill to about \$26. I

was the more ready to propose the gratuity
in view of the fact that, for the first two
days of this work, there was nothing to eat
at the Hall, & he was necessitated to go, with
his son, to an eating house. He ~~scolded~~^{grumbled}
somewhat, - Mr. Hovey was present during
the greater part of my talk with him; Mr. H.
gave him some (moral) raps, which I think
he may have felt, but ~~I doubt~~ he has no
special sensitiveness, & is utterly lacking, ~~to~~
my great surprise, in the will to appreciate
the sacrifices & free offering made by the
helpers and attendants upon the Bazaar.
I hope you will not disapprove my action
in the matter.

I am, Very truly,

Yours,

with regards to all your family, and
other Weymouth friends,

Samuel May, Jr.